It will be observed from the above that the wagons supplied by the Railways are not being utilised in full. The number of wagonts left-behind has thrown up the normal seasonal trends.

(c) The problem of maximising utilisation of wagons supplied is being taken up at the field level with the concerned Coal Company and i3 also taken up at the ministerial level with the Department of Coal, and in the meetings held by Secretary (Co-ordination) and the Cabinet Committee on Industrial Infrastructure.

(d) Requirements of wagons are Deing fully met and there is no shortage of wagons for movement of coal.

Wagon left idle due to strike ia Coal India Ltd.

420, SHRI KALYAN ROY:

SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of wagons for loading coal were left idle at the sittings of many coal mines under Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries on 4th and 5th June, i 1984 because of strike of coal miners;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the number of wagons which were kept unloaded on these two days;

(c) whether the Coal India Ltd. informed the Railway authorities about the proposed strike which was communicated to the Coal India by the unions;

(d) what was the loss that accrued to the Railways because of non-loading; and

(e) whether any demurrage has
[1] 'been charged and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total of 5564 wagons in terms of 4-wheelers.

(c) No official communication was sent by the Coal India Limited to the Railways about the proposed strike.

(d) The loss works out to Rs.198.16 per wagon per day on the basis of average earnings of a wagon during 1982-83.

(e) Demurrage has been charged as per the normal rules on these wagons from the Coal Companies. However, actual realisation is likely to take some time.

Ticketless travelling

421. SHRI KALYAN ROY:
SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some surprise checks have been carried out in both Up and Down Black Diamond Express and Coal-field Express and Asansol Express in-between March to July. 1984 and if so, when were these carried out and what are the details thereof and what are the results of surprise checks of passengers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many officers and employees of the nationalised banks and other public sector industries like steel, coal, etc. travel in Ist class without proper tickets or any tickets in the trains; and

(c) whether Government propose to bring thi* to the notice of these concerns so that action may be taken against them and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir. A total

of 129 surprise checks were conducted on Black Diamond, Coal-field and Asansol Express trains during the periods, 21-3-84 to 30-3-84, 11-4-84 to 18-4-84, 18-5-84 to 31-5-84 and 18-6-84 to 24-6-84 figures for which are available. During these checks as many as 744 persons were detected travelling without ticket or with improper tickets and a sum of Rs. 19,705 was realised as railways dues.

(b) The Railway Administration have no in formation in this regard, as the particulars regardnng the employment etc. of non-railway persons detected travelling without ticket or with improper tickets are not normally recorded.

(c) Does .not arise.

Sub-way near Palavanthangal Rail- way Station at Madras

422. SHRI R. MOHANA RANGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased, to state:

(a) whether there is any change of place in constructing sub-way near PalaTanthanigal Railway Station)! at Madras; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THH MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b> Sir, the Tamil Nadu State Government had suggested to shift the location of the proposed sub-way in replacement of level crossing at Km.l8| 15-16 by about one Km. near Thilaiganga Nagar between St. Thomes Mount and Palavanthangal Station to form part of inner ring road. No final decision has been taken. The State Government has howeTer been advised that shifting of the site of proposed sub-way will cause Inconvenience to the local population served by the *level* crossing, and that inner ring road scheme should not be linked to the proposal for replacement of the level crossing at Km. 18/15-16 by sub-way.

Computerised reservation ia Rail ways

423. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Reforms Committee has recommended computerised railway booking as a 'sheer necessity';

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Committee has recommended the introduction of this system in the first instance in Delhi;

(c) what are the reservation requirements of Delhi in each class every day;

(d) by when the system is to be intioduced in Delhi; and

(e) what are the names of the cities which have been recommended by the Committee for the introduction of the computerised reservation system and by when the system is likely to be introduced in each city?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes. Railway, had, however, taken up a Pilot Scheme for Delhi even earlier on their own.

(c) The daily reservation requirements including RAC and waitlisted passengers of Delhi area in peak season come to around 40,000 in II class and 9,000 in upper classes.

(d) Installation of the system in Delhi is planned in phases and WiH take about two years to be implemented in full.

(e) The Committee has recommended that after the system has been installed in Delhi, it should next be installed in the other metropolitan cities as soon a3 possible.

Late running of Howrah-Delhi Rajdhani Express

424. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRARORTY. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what